

Drury downed once again by Georgetown

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The Champion

The heartbreak beat goes on.

Four years in a row now E.C. Drury's girls softball squad has been ousted in the regional playoffs by their arch rivals from Georgetown.

One might think the losses are getting easier to handle, but quite the opposite.

Monday afternoon's defeat — the latest in the series — was actually tougher to swallow than the rest, since it came in the championship finals and in front of the hometown crowd.

Before a few dozen spectators at Lions Sport Park, the host Spartans gave up four unearned runs on the way to being doubled 6-3. This marked their only league loss of the season and just their second overall this year.

Both came against Georgetown.

"No, it's not getting any easier," E.C. manager Sally Gray said, referring to the growing list of playoff defeats at the hands of Georgetown, who've held the Halton crown since 1997. "But (Georgetown) they're a really solid team, there's just no two ways about it. They came focused here today and we just couldn't hit

the ball early on."

However, it was hardly an inferior plate performance that spoiled Drury's championship run.

In fact they managed as many hits — five — as their powerhouse guests.

Errors do in Drury

Defensively is where things got a little uneven. With two out in the top of the third inning, the Spartans dropped a routine pop up and then misfired on a couple of throws — which allowed the visitors to score three times and bolster their lead to 4-0.

Drury's flawed fielding resurfaced in the sixth inning, when they overthrew the ball another three times to sink further into the hole.

Shortstop Melissa Parcels — who turned an unassisted double play in the fifth — cut into Georgetown's lead in the sixth with a triple that cashed in sisters Anne and Marion Jamieson.

Parcels then scored on a sacrifice fly by centre fielder Ameer May.

The Spartans would draw no closer though — thanks to the Rebels' unblemished defense and topnotch pitching by Jen Lucas

and Cheryl Mastalerz.

"E.C.'s a great team and it really could have gone either way," remarked Georgetown head coach Jim Hall. "I was saying some prayers there at the end.

"If we had OFSAA for softball, these two teams would definitely be in the top six."

Pitcher Lindsey Harrold, who worked the first three innings and then returned to close, took the loss for Drury.

Her efforts were hardly second rate though, since she gave up just four hits in as many innings and surrendered no walks.

Reliever Melissa Park was equally sharp, giving up only one hit and a single base-on-balls over three frames.

Marion Jamieson and Jennifer Williams reached base safely on two occasions for Drury with a walk and a hit each.

The Spartans got their lead-off batter aboard in both the fifth and seventh innings, but were then handcuffed with three straight strikeouts each time.

Making up the rest of this year's championship finalist team were Melissa Difrancescantonio, Cristina Hutchison, Tasha Leslie, Elisha McGee, Kristin Roberge, Alicia Taylor and assistant coach Vickie Randall.

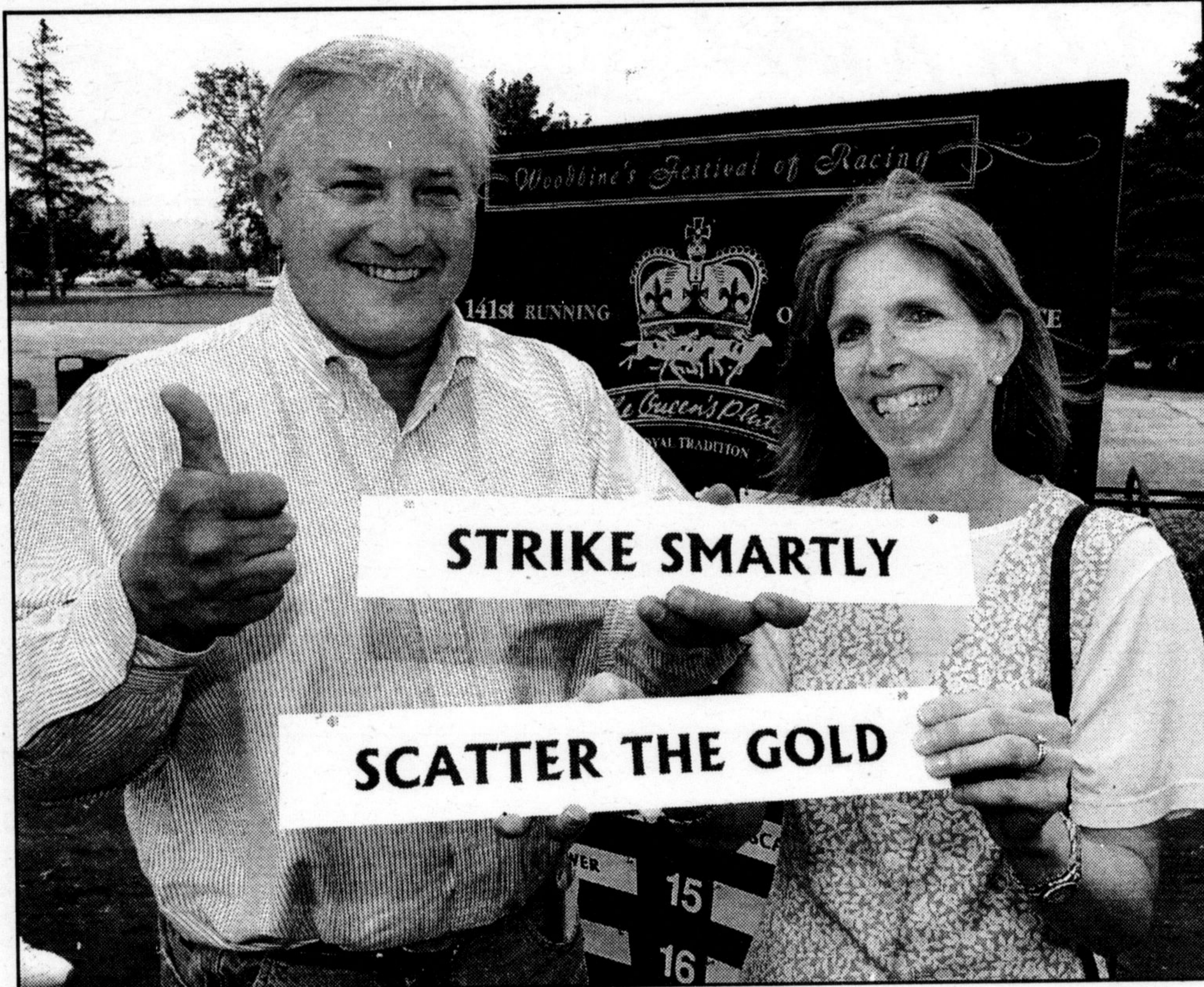


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Double draw for Sam-Son

Trainer Mark Frostad and Tammy Samuel-Balaz — who took over the reins of Sam-Son Farm from the late Ernie Samuel — show off the double entry 'Scatter the Gold' and 'Strike Smartly' after the Queen's Plate post position draw at Woodbine Race Track yesterday morning. The 141st running of the prestigious event is slated for Sunday — when 17 gifted horses will vie for a purse of \$1 million.

REGION OF HALTON OPEN HOUSE FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER PIPELINES "THE BIG PIPE"

You are invited to attend an Open House for information on the progress of water and wastewater pipelines to Milton, future servicing plans for the lands to the Palermo Community, and the proposed traffic management plan for construction through the Regional Road #25 and Dundas Street intersection. This construction will take place over the summer months.

The Open House will be held on:

DATE: Thursday, June 29, 2000

TIME: 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Region of Halton Administration Building
1151 Bronte Road, Oakville
North Auditorium (use north parking lot).

At the Open House you will be able to review display panels featuring information about the project and ask questions of staff from the Region of Halton as well as the design-build team, the D'ORAZIO-WALTER Joint Venture regarding:

- An update on the construction of major water and wastewater trunk mains between Oakville and Milton and particularly the timing of construction for the Palermo Area.
- A proposed Traffic Management Plan for the Regional Road #25 and Dundas Street intersection pipeline crossing and road reconstruction work.
- An overview of future servicing plans for the lands in the Palermo Community.

The overall purpose of the meeting is to share our plans with you and receive your comments.

If you are unable to attend the Public Information Meeting and wish to provide comments or receive further information about this project, please contact:

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Entry closing is Wednesday, August 2.